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Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

L.A. County Board of Supervisors, 2nd District

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Ridley-Thomas Urges Hiring of At-Risk Youth with Federal Stimulus Package Funding

He asks that contractors and vendors who seek to do business with the County be required to provide jobs, job training or similar programs for youth

LOS ANGELES – Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas today directed the County's Chief Executive Office to develop recommended actions to ensure that the use of Federal Economic Stimulus Package funds will create jobs, job training and other similar public benefits for at risk youth in the County.

"The Federal Economic Stimulus Package will provide us with an opportunity to create a significant number of new jobs for the people of L.A. County," Supervisor Ridley-Thomas stated in his request. "Contractors and vendors who seek to do business with the County should be required to hire at-risk youth or provide job training or similar programs as part of the term of the contract."

Supervisor Ridley-Thomas emphasized by requiring contractors to hire at-risk youth, "we can ensure the Federal Economic Stimulus Package will provide long-term public benefits for the people in Los Angeles County."

Supervisor Ridley-Thomas urged the Chief Executive Office to work with County Counsel, Department of Public Works, Internal Services Department and any other relevant departments to work together to identify steps that the County can take to ensure that the stimulus funds will be put to good use and will create employment for those most in need.

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He asked the County Chief Executive Officer to report back to the board within 30 days with a specific list of recommended actions, which will ensure that the use of the federal stimulus funds will be used to benefit the County's youth crime prevention efforts.

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